

Mock Newbery January Reading List

Sharpen your book discussion and evaluation skills. Please read one or (hopefully) more books for the meeting on **Wednesday, January 2 (snow date January 9) from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, at the Oak Lawn Branch Library, Cranston** (directions below). The Newbery Medal is awarded annually to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children published in the United States during the preceding year. The Award is restricted to authors who are citizens or residents of the United States.

Criteria: 1) In identifying "Distinguished Writing" in a book for children,

- a. Committee members need to consider the following:
 - Interpretation of the theme or concept
 - Presentation of information including accuracy, clarity, and organization
 - Development of a plot
 - Delineation of characters
 - Delineation of setting
 - Appropriateness of style

Note: Because the literary qualities to be considered will vary depending on content, the committee need not expect to find excellence in each of the named elements. The book should, however, have distinguished qualities in all of the elements pertinent to it.

- b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation for a child audience.

Voting for a Rhode Island winner and honor books will take place using the balloting procedures of the real committee.

Note: For Rhode Island's Mock Newbery only fiction is considered even though distinguished writing in any genre could be recognized by the Newbery Award Committee.

Armstrong, Alan. *Raleigh's Page*.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *Lacemaker and the Princess*.

Bruchac, Joseph. *Bearwalker*.

Compestine, Ying Chang. *Revolution Is Not a Dinner Party*.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Elijah of Buxton*.

Gifford, Peggy. *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*.

Hale, Shannon. *Book of a Thousand Days*.

Johnston, Tony. *Bone by Bone by Bone*.

Jonell, Lynne. *Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat*.

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam*.

Lafevers, R.L. *Theodosia and the Serpents of Chaos*.

O'Connor, Barbara. *How to Steal a Dog*.

Schmidt, Gary. *The Wednesday Wars*.

Selznick, Brian. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*.

Stead, Rebecca. *First Light*.

Stewart, Trenton Lee. *The Mysterious Benedict Society*.

Tarshis, Lauren. *Emma-Jean Lazarus Fell Out of a Tree*.

Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Birmingham, 1963*.

Wells, Rosemary. *Red Moon at Sharpsburg*.

Wolf, Joan M. *Someone Named Eva*.

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Feathers*.

Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn. *Reaching for Sun*.

Bolded titles were added for January.

Dropped from October:

Paulsen, Gary. *Lawn Boy*.

Dropped in November:

Avi. *Traitor's Gate*.

Babbitt, Natalie. *Jack Plank Tells Tales*.

Clements, Andrew. *No Talking*.

Gantos, Jack. *I Am Not Joey Pigza*.

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Edward's Eyes*.

White, Ruth. *Way Down Deep*.

This is a working list. Please feel free to send suggested titles to: melody_allen@olis.ri.gov

Directions

Take Rt. 95 or Rt. 295 to Rt. 37 West. Go to the end and turn left at the light onto Phoenix Avenue. Continue to the next light and turn left onto Wilbur Avenue. The library is on the right opposite a church. Turn right onto the side street for parking.